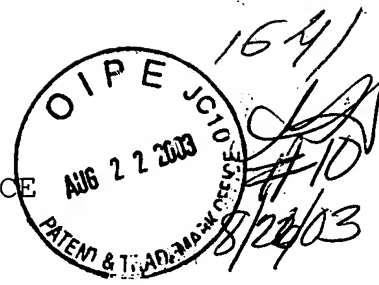


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF July 16, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003 having  
a shortened statutory period for response set to expire  
Saturday, August 16, 2003, extendable to Monday August 18, 2003  
kindly enter the following response:

### **Restriction**

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-13 and 17-18, drawn to articles of manufacture, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.

II. Claims 14-16, drawn to a process for detecting a toxic substance, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

### **Election**

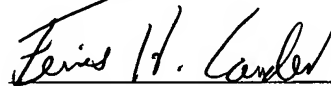
Applicant here elects without traverse Group I (claims 1-13 and 17-18) for prosecution on the merits.

It is understood that claims 14-16 drawn to the non-elected invention, will remain pending, albeit withdrawn from further consideration in the application.

### **CONCLUSION**

Now that applicants have fully responded to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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